

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

5 **Listing of Claims:**

claims 1-17 (canceled)

- 10 18. (New) An integrated circuit design method, comprising steps of:
- providing a plurality of kinds of description instructions and a database specific to
 an integrated circuit;
- optionally modifying one kind of the description instructions; and
- 15 automatically enabling the updating of the database once any of the description
 instructions is modified;
- wherein other kinds of description instructions are automatically updated along with
- 20 the updating of the database.
19. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 18, wherein the integrated
 circuit is an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC).
- 25 20. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 18, wherein the description
 instruction being optionally modified is a timing slack report of the integrated circuit.

21. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 20, wherein the description instructions being automatically updated include a netlist, a noise analysis report and/or a power analysis report of the integrated circuit.
- 5 22. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 18, wherein the description instruction being optionally modified is a netlist of the integrated circuit.
23. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 22, wherein the description instructions being automatically updated include a timing slack report, a noise
10 analysis report and/or a power analysis report of the integrated circuit.
24. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 18, wherein the description instruction being optionally modified is a noise analysis report of the integrated
15 circuit.
25. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 24, wherein the description instructions being automatically updated include a timing slack report, a netlist and/or a power analysis report of the integrated circuit.
- 20 26. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 18, wherein the description instruction being optionally modified is a power analysis report of the integrated circuit.
- 25 27. (New) The integrated circuit design method of claim 26, wherein the description instructions being automatically updated include a timing slack report, a netlist and/or a noise analysis report of the integrated circuit.